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For : A SURFACE PLASMON RESONANCE BIOSENSOR FOR

MEASUREMENT OF ANTI-GLYCOLIPID ANTIBODIES

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 20, 2002 OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the December 20, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 20, 2002 Office Action was due March 20, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond. The fee for a one-month extension of time for a small entity is FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$55.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed. Applicants have previously established small entity status. With a one-month extension of time, a response is now due April 20, 2003. However, since April 20, 2003 falls on a Sunday, a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, i.e. April 21, 2003, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7.) Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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